

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

March 30, 2009 to April 17, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federally licensed activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Federal Aviation Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Chesapeake Regional Airport Authority proposes to remove on-airport obstructions (trees) on airport property in the City of Chesapeake. In order to bring Chesapeake Regional Airport into compliance with federal design standards and obstruction regulations, the airport authority proposes to remove and maintain 109.8 acres of trees on airport property as a silviculture activity. The action would involve the cutting of trees approximately 3-6 inches above the ground with no grubbing and replanting, and maintaining a tree canopy of 10 percent. The proposed activity would be accomplished utilizing non-mechanical means, and include the implementation of a Discrete Planting Scheme involving lower profile trees such as Hazel Alder, Redosier Dogwood, Green and Black Ash, and Black Gum. No roads or paths would be constructed. The airport authority also proposes to acquire approximately 14.4 acres of land in the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) to Runway 5 and preserve it as farm land. A federal consistency certification was submitted for the proposal that finds it consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (also called the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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